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In re Application of:)
Paul J. RUTHVEN et al.) Group Art Unit: 1731
Serial No.: 10/036,770) Examiner: E. Hug
Filed: December 21, 2001)
For: AN APPARATUS AND METHOD)
FOR DEGRADING A WEB IN THE)
MACHINE DIRECTION WHILE)
PRESERVING CROSS-MACHINE)
DIRECTION STRENGTH)

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RESPONSE

In response to the June 19, 2003, Office Action, please amend the application as indicated and consider the following remarks.

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